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FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 1870.

SENATE.

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SENATOR JOHNSON, OF VIRGINIA, SWORN IN.

Immediately after the reading of the journal Mr. JOHNSON, (rep. of Va.), announced the presence of John W. Johnson, Senator elect from Virginia, whose credentials were read yesterday, and said that the political disabilities to which that gentleman had been subjected had been removed. He, therefore, moved that Mr. Johnson be qualified.

Mr. EDWARDS, (rep. of Va.), said he had received a letter some time ago stating that the disabilities of that gentleman had not been removed. He inquired whether the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. Wiley) had any information of a positive character as to the identity of Mr. Johnson to whom Congressional courtesy had been extended.

Mr. WILEY read from an act of Congress removing disabilities from certain persons, among whose names appeared that of John W. Johnson. He said the gentleman now present was the one whose name he had just read.

The CHAIR said there was no objection the oath of office would be administered; if there was objection the question would be submitted to the Senate.

No objection being made Mr. Johnson was then duly sworn in and took the oath.

AMENDMENT TO THE VIRGINIA ACT.

On motion of Mr. EDWARDS the bill to amend the act of the Virginia Legislature, introduced by Mr. Johnson, was read, and the amendment was adopted.

COST OF AMERICAN IRON.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of Internal Revenue, in response to a resolution of the Senate, containing information in regard to the cost of American pig iron, tabled and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CHASE, (rep. of N. H.), presented a petition of Admiral Farragut, Vice Admiral Porter, and other naval officers, praying for the removal of the name of Farragut from the list of naval officers.

The CHAIR said the petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

MEMORIAL FROM THE NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. CONKLING, (rep. of N. Y.), presented a memorial from the New York Chamber of Commerce in relation to the proposed canal between New York and San Francisco, and also relating to the proposed canal between New York and San Francisco.

The CHAIR said the memorial was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE KANSAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. TOLSON, (rep. of Kan.), introduced a bill to authorize the Kansas and Pacific Railroad Company to extend and construct a railroad and telegraph line from El Paso, Mexico, to Kansas City, Mo.

The CHAIR said the bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill extends to that company all the rights, franchises and land grants given the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company by the act of July 27, 1865.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. WILSON, (rep. of N. Y.), introduced a bill to authorize a settlement of the accounts of officers of the army and navy. Referred.

Mr. EDWARDS, (rep. of Va.), introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the Committee on Judiciary to inquire and report whether further legislation is necessary on the subject of the organization of the Provisional Legislature of Georgia.

Mr. SHERMAN, (rep. of Ohio), offered a resolution, which was agreed to, directing the Committee on Appropriations to inquire into the propriety of transferring to the surplus fund all balances of appropriations remaining unexpended on the 1st day of July next.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 1870.

A VIRGINIA MEMBER QUALIFIED.

Mr. James K. Gibson, member elect from the Eighth Congressional district of Virginia, appeared and was sworn in.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. BENTLEY, (rep. of N. Y.), For the better organization of the Medical Department of the Navy; also for the relief of the officers and crew of the United States steamer Columbia.

By Mr. WILSON, (dem. of Minn.), To preserve the navigation of the Mississippi river at or near the Falls of St. Anthony.

By Mr. EDWARDS, (rep. of Va.), Granting lands to the Deep Sea and Marble Quarry Railroad Company, Michigan.

By Mr. MURPHY, (rep. of Pa.), For the collection of the duties on foreign railroads.

By Mr. DOCKERY, (rep. of Ohio), Amending the Bankrupt law.

By Mr. EDWARDS, (rep. of Va.), To organize the Territory of Lincoln and consolidate the Indian tribes into a Territorial government. Also to provide for the Territorial government for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. EDWARDS, (rep. of Va.), To incorporate the National Congressmen's Pavement Company of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. EDWARDS, (rep. of Va.), To Arch Torches Creek, north of Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington city.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, (dem. of Oregon), the Senate bill giving consent to the erection of a bridge across the Willamette river was taken from the Speaker's table and passed.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES.

By Mr. CLARK, (rep. of Kansas), from the Committee on the Land Office, a bill for the removal of the Osage Indians to the Indian Territory, and to dispose of their lands to actual settlers only. Recommended.

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